

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01 INR-07  
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15  
USIA-06 DHA-02 /058 W  
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FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6488

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, IS  
SUBJECT: PROCEDURE FOR CALLING NEW ELECTION

REF: STATE 127003

1. AS REFTEL POINTS OUT, THE LIKELIHOOD OF THE KNESSET  
CALLING NEW ELECTIONS DUE TO THE INABILITY OF ANY POLITICAL  
LEADER TO FORM A NEW GOVERNMENT IS REMOTE. SUCH A MOVE  
WOULD PRESUMABLY COME ONLY AFTER THE PRESIDENT HAD INVITED  
ONE OR MORE MKS SUCCESSIVELY TO ORGANIZE A COALITION AND  
ALL HAD FAILED. EACH WOULD HAVE UP TO 42 DAYS TO TRY  
HIS HAND.

2. ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL INSPECTOR OF ELECTIONS  
OF THE INTERIOR MINISTRY, THE MINIMUM TIME REQUIRED FOR  
ARRANGING A NEW ELECTION SHOULD THE KNESSET SO DECIDE  
IS 45-50 DAYS. HOWEVER, HE POINTED OUT THAT THE VOTER  
REGISTERS ARE ALREADY OUT-DATED. THEY GO BACK TO  
APRIL 1976 AND THERE WERE MANY COMPLAINTS DURING THE  
RECENT ELECTION BY PEOPLE DISENFRANCHISED BECAUSE  
THEY WERE NOT ON THE REGISTERS OR WERE LISTED  
UNDER OLD ADDRESSES. THE INSPECTOR BELIEVED THAT  
A NEW ELECTION WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE UPDATING  
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THE REGISTERS; IN THAT CASE THE MINIMUM TIME  
REQUIRED WOULD BE 90-100 DAYS FOLLOWING A KNESSET  
DECISION TO GO AGAIN TO THE POLLS.  
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## Message Attributes

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